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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 593**

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**Chairperson:** Senator Kermit A. Brashear  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** March 7, 2001

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 593 prohibits racial profiling by law enforcement officers and requires that data on the race and ethnicity of all traffic stops are collected, reported to the Nebraska Crime Commission who will issue a report on its findings to the Legislature and the Governor.

The bill requires all law enforcement agencies in the state of Nebraska to develop a written policy, if they do not already have one, prohibiting racial profiling. Racial profiling is defined in the bill as that of detaining an individual or conducting a stop of a motor vehicle based solely on disparate (different) treatment of an individual based on race or ethnicity.

The bill further requires all law enforcement officers to document the race and ethnicity of people pulled over for traffic stops, even if that stop does not result in a violation or a written ticket. The information would then be reported to the Nebraska Crime Commission and would include the number of stops, the race or ethnicity of the person stopped, the nature of the alleged violation and whether a warning or citation was issued. It further requires law enforcement agencies to develop a system for receiving complaints, which would then be forwarded to the Crime Commission. The Crime Commission then would issue a report to the Legislature and the Governor.

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